

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1292
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th March 2017)

INVITATION OF BIDS UNDER REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY SCHEME

1292. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has received 45 proposals from 11 bidders covering more than 200 routes under its Regional Connectivity Scheme;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has now invited counter bids against these initial proposal that cover 65 under served or unserved airports;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government expects the first flight under the scheme to take off in late February or March this year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI), the implementing agency of Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS) -UDAN has received 43 Initial Proposals from 11 bidders covering 190 RCS Routes and 92 airports (30 currently served airports, 12 currently under served airports and 50 currently un-served airports). 5 counter proposals have been received under counter bidding.

(c) and (d) After Technical scrutiny of the proposals, financial bids in respect of 22 proposals have been opened and selection of the airline operators for operations under RCS in underway. The Selected Airline Operator shall be required to commence the RCS Flight operations within a period of six (6) months from the execution of contract to be executed for operations under RCS.
